

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

May 19, 2003

Arizona Department of Administration

Room 300 A, B & C

100 North 15th Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85007

MINUTES

Members Present

Onnie Shekerjian – President

Kurt Davis– Vice President

Mary Gifford – Superintendent’s Designee

George Abarca—Public Member

Mary Lynn Kelly—Business Member

Sally Kur – Public Member

Kimberly Mosher—Public Member

Paul Smiley—Business Member

Members Absent

Cookie Goddard – Public Member

Senator Linda Aguirre – Advisory

Representative John Huppenthal – Advisory

Representative Ted Carpenter—Advisory

Meeting began at 2:30 pm due to length of the Bradley Academy hearing.

Agenda Item A—Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item B—Moment of Silence

Agenda Item C—Roll Call: Mike Barragan called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Agenda Item D—Superintendent’s Report

No report was given due to lack of time.

Agenda Item E — Executive Director’s Report

No report was given due to lack of time.

Agenda Item F —Legislative Update

Legislative tracker was distributed but no discussion occurred.

Agenda Item G— Consent Agenda

1. Accelerated Learning Laboratory—Changes in grade levels served.
2. All Aboard Charter School—Changes in grade levels served.
3. Paragon Management Inc. dba Paradise Education Center—Changes in school mission.
4. PLC Charter Schools—Change in school mission.
5. Presidio School—Changes in grade levels served.

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Lynn Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Mary Gifford.

Motion passes unanimously

Agenda Item H— Action Items:

1. New Application-- Discussion and possible action on the application and request for a charter of Choices—Mary Stuart.

Mary Stuart and a teacher from the school answered questions from the Board. The Board expressed concern over the separation between this new charter and the existing charters.

The applicant withdrew application from consideration.

2. Transfer Applications—Discussion and possible action on the request to transfer the contract from their current sponsor to our sponsorships for the following schools:

- a. Integrity Education Centre—Dr. Holly Mullan
- b. New World Educational Center-Benjamin C. Martinez
- c. Telesis Preparatory Academy—Sandra Breece
- d. Valley Academy, Inc.—Cuyler Reid

Kristen Jordison informed the Board that the applicants had submitted complete applications and were in compliance with their current contracts. The applicants stood and were recognized by the Board.

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Lynn Kelly to approve the transfer of Integrity Education Centre, New World Educational Center, Telesis Preparatory Academy, and Valley Academy, Inc. Motion seconded by Mary Gifford.

Motion passes unanimously

3. Transfer/Assignment of Charter Contract—Discussion and possible action on the request to transfer/assign charter contract from the following existing charter contract to the following sites:

- a. Eastpointe High School, Inc. to Allsport Academy—Larry Simmons
- b. Learning Crossroads Basic Academy, Inc. to Redwood Academy L.L.C.—Donald Flake
- c. Sequoia Choice Schools to Pathfinder Academy L.L.C. – Donald Flake
- d. Sequoia Choice Schools to Sequoia Ranch School L.L.C.—Donald Flake
- e. Sequoia Charter School to Sequoia School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing L.L.C.—Donald Flake
- f. Sequoia Village School to Mountaineer Academy L.L.C.—Donald Flake

Kristen Jordison informed the Board that the applicants had submitted complete applications and were in compliance with their current contracts. The applicants stood and were recognized by the Board.

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Gifford to approve the transfer/assignment of the charter contract for the schools listed on agenda item 3. Motion seconded by George Abarca.

Motion passes unanimously

Kurt Davis and Mary Lynn Kelly left the meeting.

Agenda Item I—Additional Action Items:

1. New Charter School Application—Discussion and possible action to approve the new charter school application process and forms.

DeAnna Foulds reviewed the new charter school application and process. DeAnna stated that the new process provides more opportunities for technical assistance and training prior to submission of the application to the Board, provides a more concise check sheet for completion, and includes more detailed scoring criteria. In addition, the application due date has been brought in to allow approved applicants additional time for facility acquisition, student recruitment and hiring before the school year begins. DeAnna answered questions from the Board.

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Gifford to accept the application with the following amendments: add a revenue line item for Prop. 301 to the operating budget & add the word secured to the revenues in the start-up budget. Motion seconded by Kimberly Mosher.

Motion passes unanimously

2. Technology Assisted Project-based Instruction Program—Discussion and possible action to request letters of intent from schools interested in applying for the Technology Assisted Project-based Instruction Program pursuant to HB 2093.

Kristen Jordison provided the Board with information regarding HB 2093 that was pending approval from the Governor. Kristen made the recommendation to the Board that we solicit letters of intent so the Board could have a basis in June to approve an application process.

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Gifford to request that the staff develop a letter and questionnaire to be modeled after the requirements listed in HB 2093 and to be distributed to charter schools requesting that those schools that are interested in applying for the Technology Assisted Project-based Instruction Program submit a letter of intent. Motion seconded by Kimberly Mosher.

Motion passes unanimously

3. Board Policy – Discussion and possible consideration of a transition plan of the action taken April 14th to ask the Arizona Department of Education to put a hold on the issuance of any funding to a new charter school until the charter has secured the required facility certificates from the municipality in which the school will be providing educational services pursuant to their contract.

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Gifford to implement the Board's Policy requiring new charter school operators to have secured the required facility certificates from the municipality in which the school will be providing educational services pursuant to their contract for the 2004-2005 school year applicants and not for the 2003-2004 applicants. Motion seconded by Sally Kur.

Motion passes unanimously

4. All About Kids vs. Life School College Preparatory--Discussion and possible action on request for the filing of an amicus curiae brief with the Supreme Court regarding charter schools as "public entities" for purposes of the Arizona Notice of Claims Act.

Item tabled until the June 9, 2003 meeting.

Agenda Item J—Approval of Minutes:

April 14, 2003

Item tabled until the June 9, 2003 meeting.

Agenda Item K—Call to the Public

Agenda Item L—Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:55 pm

Signature

Date